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SUBJECT: MOSLEM SUPPORT FOR EDOUARD SAOUMA FOR FAO-DIRECTOR-GENERAL

REF: KUWAIT 4472 (NOTAL)

1. BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, WE HAVE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT COPY OF NOTE FROM LEBANESE EMBASSY ROME DATED OCTOBER 10 ANNOUNCING ARAB SUPPORT OF EDOUARD SAOUMA FOR FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

2. LEBANESE NOTE STATED THAT 37 COUNTRIES ATTENDING ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN KUALA LUMPUR JUNE 21-25 HAD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MR. SAOUMA FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION. COPY OF RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO NOTE INDICATES THAT 5TH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TOOK NOTE OF ARAB LEAGUE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF SAOUMA, FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF LEBANON, AND DECIDED TO SUPPORT HIS CANDIDACY.

3. SAOUMA IS NOW DIRECTOR OF LAND AND WATER DEVELOPMENT DIV.,
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AGRICULTURE DEPART,FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION.

4. WE BELIEVE IT IS TOO EARLY FOR UNITED STATES TO COMMIT
ITSELF TO SUPPORT OF ANY CANDIDATE. POSITION IS OPEN AT END
OF 1975. DEPENDING UPON OUTCOME OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN
NOVEMBER 1974, IT MAY ASSUME GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN IN PAST.
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